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Division Gets 900 Selectees In Past Month

Eight Thousand Requisitioned To Fill Vacancies Which Releases Create

Approximately 900 selective service soldiers have been added to the Dixie Division since Sept. 7, headquarters announced today.

With few exceptions the new members of the southern division are from New England states, and Pennsylvania. Unlike the thousands of new soldiers who were inducted into service last February and March, these men have had 13 weeks basic training at Camp Wheeler and Ft. Benning in Georgia. A few came from Ft. Sill in Oklahoma.

The division has requisitioned 8,000 men. They will fill vacancies made by soldiers who are released from the service in accordance to their priority.

The following is an interview with two typical selectees who recently became members of the Dixie Division.

The Army is the Army, no matter where one puts in his term of service. That seems to be the conclusion of most of the additions to the Dixie Division, who arrived here three weeks ago from the replacement training center at Camp Wheeler, near Macon, Georgia.

A DIXIE reporter was sent out to interview some of the new boys and he came upon privates Levi E. Wagner and James H. Phillips, assigned to Company D, 124th Infantry. The former hails from Abbotstown, Pennsylvania, and the latter from Baltimore, Maryland. Wagner, 23, was an employee of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation and Phillips, 25, a gas station operator.

They were sent after induction to New Cumberland Depot, Pennsylvania, and from there to Camp Wheeler for 13 weeks of basic training. Here they were with Company C, 3rd Bn., a heavy weapons outfit. Their schooling in the fundamentals was similar to that received by the "veteran" Blanding selectees. They had, perhaps, more extensive training on the rifle range, handling the .45 pistol, the Springfield and Garand rifles, the 30 and 50-caliber Browning machine guns and the 60 and 81-millimeter mortars.

Perhaps the greatest difference in their training is that at Camp Wheeler, where the officers are mainly from the Reserves Corps with R. O. T. C. training, they used a system wherein "acting non-coms" from the ranks were put in service. These selectees were chosen mainly on the basis of training in military school. National Guard units and other training organizations. They aided the cadre non-coms in supervision and execution of orders, but the selectees would prefer regular non-coms, feeling the latter are better equipped to instruct in military techniques.

At Wheeler the men lived in barracks housing 50 men apiece, but they do not find the transition to winterized tents a difficult one. Here since September 16, the newcomers are glad that the troops have come back from maneuvers so they can take their places with their assigned organizations. It was kind of lonely with the main body of troops away and "policing" details became monotonous.

Their greatest objection to Camp Blanding to date is the difficulty they have in getting used to the sandy terrain, and the fact that the movie theatre and canteens are so overcrowded. It seems that at Camp Wheeler you could hop in a bus and for a dime ride to Macon, a good-sized city, whereas Jacksonville is 40 miles and 60 cents away. Some of the men have had the good fortune to spend a few days in Miami and rave about the "Magic City," but very few of the men have been farther away from the Camp than Jacksonville.

All in all, the new Dixie Division members feel that they will have no serious difficulties in adjusting themselves to their permanent assignments.

Dry Sand Feels Good To Tired Feet



Even infantrymen of Louisiana's 156th regiment were glad to see the last of their home state when the convoy pulled across the imaginary line. So glad were they to see the deep sand and stability of Blanding that they agreed to letting the Dixie photographer take a shot of them gloating over their arrival in the Sunshine State.

Soldier's Quick Work Prevents Train Accident

Even in the Army, life can be dramatic at times," reports Private William Ray Trussell of Hq. Btry, 1st Bn., 114th F. A. Pvt. Trussell was walking down a street in Oakdale, La. Suddenly he heard the desperate scream of a woman.

Turning, he saw a pretty young Miss desperately trying to push her convertible sedan across a railroad track. He recognized the seriousness of the situation when he heard a train puffing into town. Rushing to the scene he quickly shoved the car from the path of the locomotive.

A few seconds later the train passed by.

Latest Pictures At Post Theatre

Pvt. A. D. Miller, manager of the 31st Division Post Theatre announced today that the latest pictures, direct from Hollywood are to be presented here this winter.

Most of the pictures will be less than a month old and practically all will appear at the Post Theatre, six months before they go to large cities.

Old Spanish Trail Followed By Convoy is Rich In History

By Pvt. C. W. Hinkle
Few soldiers realize that the Spanish Trail followed by Dixie Division on its homeward trek from Louisiana to Camp Blanding, is rich in history, legend and tradition.

Three hundred years ago Spanish Conquistadores, resplendent in their colorful war garb, waged battle along the highway that follows the Gulf of Mexico coast line from Florida to Louisiana.

The convoys passed along miles of the same route travelled by the Spanish explorers, Hernando DeSoto and Ponce de Leon marching west in search of the fountain

Show Bus To Present Screen and Radio Acts

Dixie Division soldiers will have an opportunity to see some of the screen and radio's best talent Monday night when the Show Bus, a traveling USO unit, presents free entertainment near the 31st Division water tank at 8 p. m.

Headliners include Benny Ross,

Machine Stone, Dennis sisters, Laur Kellog, Vivian Francis, Bob De Rio and Della.

These stars will present comedy, music and skits. The entertainment is free to Dixie men. The large area where the Show Bus will be parked and the elevation of the vehicle will permit everyone to see the acts.

Wisecracks While Doctor Operates

Pvt. Johnny McDowell, Co. M, 167th Inf., of Birmingham, Ala., was in a wise-cracking mood when he had his appendix removed under a local anaesthetic, according to an unconfirmed report from station hospital.

"Stitch me doctor eight to the scar," cracked the private as the surgeon sewed the incision together.

SENT TO SCHOOL

Staff Sgt. Gordon McGee of 106th Medical recently left Company E, to take an officer's training course at Carlisle Barracks, Pa. When he successfully completes his course he will be commissioned a second lieutenant.

of youth and gold.

Soldiers spent a night in Mobile, a city over which the flags of Spain, France, England and America have flown. Bloody battles were fought to gain possession of the city. They rode beside the bay where a great naval battle was fought between Federal and Confederate seamen. Continuing into western Florida they picked up the trail of DeSoto and his contemporaries.

Into Santa Rosa county they continued bivouacking in the historic town of Milton. Spanish galleons sailed into Santa Rosa bay to the south and General An-

The Chief of Staff Says

RELEASE OF ENLISTED MEN

Applications for release of enlisted men during the remainder of the calendar year 1941 are being divided into five priorities. Briefly, these priorities are as follows:

- (1) Cases of hardship as concerns dependents.
- (2) Men who have served three years in the Regular Army.
- (3) Men who reached their 28th birthday prior to July 1, 1941.
- (4) Married men who have completed one year's active service.
- (5) All others.

Only first priorities or emergency cases will be released while units are engaged in maneuvers or other special training exercises. These men are being released upon presentation of proper authentication of evidence and completion of administrative details. Other priorities may be released while the normal camp training program is being carried out and directives from higher authority indicate the

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Laundry Service Resumed For Men

Camp Blanding post laundry announces that service has been resumed for soldiers who have returned from Louisiana maneuvers. A recent order states:

Inasmuch as facilities of the Camp Laundry do not permit the laundrying of an unlimited number of articles of clothing, it is directed that, effective for the month of October, bundles for all enlisted men be limited to twenty-five pieces. Bundles cost fifty cents each.

Eats Gen. Lear's Location On Map When Captured

The Third Battalion wire section of the 156th Infantry captured a Lieutenant of the Red army who tried to eat the map of Red territory.

On the last day of maneuvers the section captured a command car with a Lieutenant who was carrying a complete map of Red territory, including the location of General Ben Lear's Headquarters. Seeing he was captured, the Lieutenant began cramming the map in his mouth at the spot where General Lear's Hq. was located. The boys stopped him reminding him that they were just as hungry as he.

They were: Lt. John M. Hogg, Sgt. Leo D. Mayerhoff, Sgt. Frank Mahoney, Pvt. S. D. Hale, Corp. Harry P. Cato, and Pvt. Willard Corbin.

TO RETURN TO UNIT

Capt. John L. Morrison, commanding officer of Company B, 167th Inf., who has been attending the Infantry school in Ft. Benning, Ga., will rejoin his command here October 17, it was announced today.

Gen. Persons Not too Busy To Help Patricia Find Dog

Maj. Gen. Persons receives each day many letters that claim his immediate attention. No greater attention, however, was given to any correspondence, than that written by Patricia DeKeyser, of Boyce, La., who solicited the Dixie Commanders aid to find her dog which was lost somewhere in the 31st Division during maneuvers.

Patricia wrote three letters concerning her dog. The first described the dog. The second gave a further description and added

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Training Program Aims To Get Soldiers Ready For No. Carolina War

Want To Be On The Radio?

Do you want to be on the radio. If so contact Major Powell, manager of Station WRUF Gainesville, who presents the program "Draftee Fables" from two to two-thirty.

The purpose of the program is to give listeners a picture of army life. If you have an interesting story about some phase of army life, or have been employed in an interesting civilian occupation, you will be given an opportunity to tell it to thousands of listeners in northern Florida. Miss Margaret Erskine, of Starke U. S. O. will also give additional information either by letter or by telephone.

Fall Maneuver Area Inspected By Col. Spengler

Col. J. H. Spengler, commanding officer of the 106th Quartermaster Regiment, 31st Infantry Division, left Camp Blanding October 9, for South Carolina to arrange the itinerary for the maneuvers which start early next month. The party was made up of one officer and several enlisted men.

The routes and bivouac areas of the various units of the Dixie Division will be laid out by the colonel on this trip. The concentration area for the 31st Division is to be in the vicinity of Chester, South Carolina.

Assisting the colonel are: 1st Lt. H. M. Ewart, of the 106th Engineers Regiment, Tech. Sgt. P. B. Simpson, Hdq. and S. Co., 106th Engineers, Pvt. Richard C. Jacobson, Hdq. and S. Co., 106th Engineers, Pvt. James C. Snider, Pvt. Lester Graham, and Tech. Sgt. James T. Grantham, 106th Quartermaster Regiment.

The reconnaissance entourage will pass through Swainsboro, Georgia, where the Division will bivouac for its only stop before reaching Chester. The distance is 200 miles from Camp Blanding. City officials will be contacted so that they may arrange for activities of the men while they are in the city.

Troops will leave Blanding on or about October 27, to be in position for maneuvers which start Nov. 1.

Bands Entertain Milton Citizens

The 124th and 167th Bands entertained residents of Milton, Fla., at an impromptu concert last Sunday afternoon and evening as troops moved into bivouac areas for over night encampments. At the conclusion of the concert, Mr. L. P. Head, manager of the local theatre gave band members tickets to the movies.

No Command Exercises This Month, To Emphasize Range Firing

Preparation for Carolina maneuvers, checkups and repair of equipment, review of basic training, and as much range firing as possible will be the training schedule for the next two weeks, G-3 plans and training section for the division, announced Saturday.

There will be no Command Post Exercises or problems involving overnight encampments. Range work permitted in the brief interlude before the First Army skirmish will be completed in the mornings and afternoons.

The Plans and Training section set forth the following objectives:

- (1) Properly to equip the division for participation in the Carolina maneuvers.
- (2) To complete the necessary repairs and adjustments to present equipment.
- (3) To review the basic subjects required to correct deficiencies discovered in the Louisiana maneuvers.
- (4) To participate in as much range work as conditions permit.

The program got underway Saturday with a division-wide inspection, the first since the Louisiana exodus over two months ago. Officers found men and equipment in remarkable condition considering the transient life led in the fields with little time available for care of personal equipment.

All units of the 56th Field Artillery Brigade commenced firing of Artillery pieces Wednesday, including the heavy 155 m. m. howitzers of the 114th Field Artillery. Range practice will continue for the artillerymen through Friday. Earlier in the week and while not on the range the soldiers of Brigadier General Sumter L. Lowry reviewed basic training in regimental areas.

Infantry regiments, with the artillery, will receive five days of basic training beginning Monday, and three days of range practice, Wednesday through Friday. No marches are in order for the infantrymen.

During the range and regimental area training, regimental and separate unit commanders are permitting a minimum of their command to remain in the unit area to clear certain administrative functions that must be accomplished before departure for South Carolina. Supply sergeants and assistants will be kept busy checking old equipment and issuing of the new, including for many an entirely new wool uniform.

Exact date for setting forth for the Carolina rendezvous has not been set. Meanwhile, a comparatively mild but solid training program will be going on in camp.

Low Sunday Phone Rates Announced By Southern Bell

Low long distance telephone rates are in effect 24 hours a day on Sundays, and not just in the evening as is the case on week days, W. L. Johnson, Manager for Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company, has announced.

"We want to let everyone know that he can get faster service at no extra cost if his calls are placed during the day time on Sundays," Mr. Johnson stated. "We especially want to get this information to service men, for we are sure that many of them would prefer calling during the day on Sundays and save waiting, since the lowest rates are in effect then as well as in the evening."

On week days there are certain hours—between 9 and 11 a. m. and 7 and 8:30 p. m.—during which long distance facilities carry a peak load. Long distance users will get much quicker service if they avoid making calls during these periods.

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OUTSIDE OPINION

We've told the world of the ability of the Dixie Division by word and action. The men of the 31st are convinced that it's the best, barring none. But just to be sure that it isn't all biased opinion of the men who feel themselves a part of a swell outfit, we quote an editorial from the New Orleans States:

It's In Their Blood

Southern troops stole the show during the recent army maneuvers in West Louisiana, says the Collier's magazine writer on military activities.

Southern men walked off with the national enlistment honors, so it does not astonish us that Southern men measured up to be the tallest soldiers in our new army.

It was the 31st (Dixie) Division, comprising Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida troops, that focussed attention so sharply upon the kind of men we breed. That division was the spearhead in Lieutenant General Walter Krueger's "attack." The umpire who watched its performance told the Collier's man that if the "war" had not ended when it did, the 31st would not only have captured Shreveport, at which it was launched, but would have driven straight to Kansas City. Not only was the leadership effective, but the men were so well trained that they could execute the commands in lightning tempo, and their physical condition was so good that they could take anything that offered.

We hope it will not be necessary for our men to enter a real war. But if it is, the 31st will give Mr. Hitler a headache for which there is no aspirin. It will drive straight through, for there will be no umpire to call "time." And the other Southern men will prove their power in the same tempo.

There is something in the air of the South that makes fighters. There is something in the air of the South that makes democracy. In every war that this country has waged, these facts stand out. Read the records of the Revolution, War of 1812, Mexican War, Spanish-American war and World war. Read the records of the War Between the States. Courage, endurance, effectiveness—the Southern soldier has always been distinguished by these qualifications. And in the reasons that sent him to war, freedom and democracy have always been predominant. They have also been predominant in his deportment during the war; and in the ideals and determination which his land effluated after the war.

The better one knows the South, the prouder one is of the South. The longer one lives in the South, the better satisfied one is with life, and the larger is his interest in life.

A recent order from the War Department prohibits the use of water cans as gasoline carriers.

The order states in part—"Reports from the field indicate that gasoline tank trucks, drums and cans have been used for the transportation and distribution of water during maneuvers. It has been found that such equipment when once used for gasoline cannot be cleaned adequately for safe use as water carriers."

Cafeteria Closed For Redecoration

The 31st Division Service Club Cafeteria will be closed this week, Mrs. C. W. Chalker announced today. The place is to be redecorated entirely. Cromotile will be put on the floor, the walls will be redone, and the room will receive a new paint job.

During the next week the Service Club will operate on an impromptu program. Open house will be maintained as much as possible with the 114th Field Artillery band presenting a program at a date to be announced this week. Plans are progressing for floor shows, and programs are to be changed each night.

Tallahassee Host To 100 Guardsmen

Approximately one hundred Tallahassee native sons of Company M, 124th Infantry were welcomed home, feted, and entertained last Sunday night.

Captain Julius C. Newton, native Tallahassee and commander of Company M, granted leave to every one of his 165 machine gunners until five o'clock the next morning. The column pulled out an hour later for Camp Blanding.

Several private parties and dances had been arranged to entertain the Tallahassee National Guardsmen. Both the USO and the Tallahassee Air Base Service Club sponsored affairs for the visiting service men. Over 100 young women of the Victrolas were present at the two clubs to serve as dancing partners. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Catholic Women served refreshments.

Both clubs held open house, offering service men reading and writing facilities, games, and sent radiograms for soldiers free to any point in the United States through the cooperation of the American Relay League. The USO showers were popular.

Besides the 124th, the convoy included the 167th Infantry and the 117th Field Artillery, both Alabama units of the division, and the 62nd Brigade headquarters, from Sanford. Brigadier General Joseph C. Hutchinson, from Sanford, commands the Brigade and also commanded the column. General and Mrs. Hutchinson and their daughter, Elsie, a sophomore at the woman's college here, were guests of Governor and Mrs. Holland.

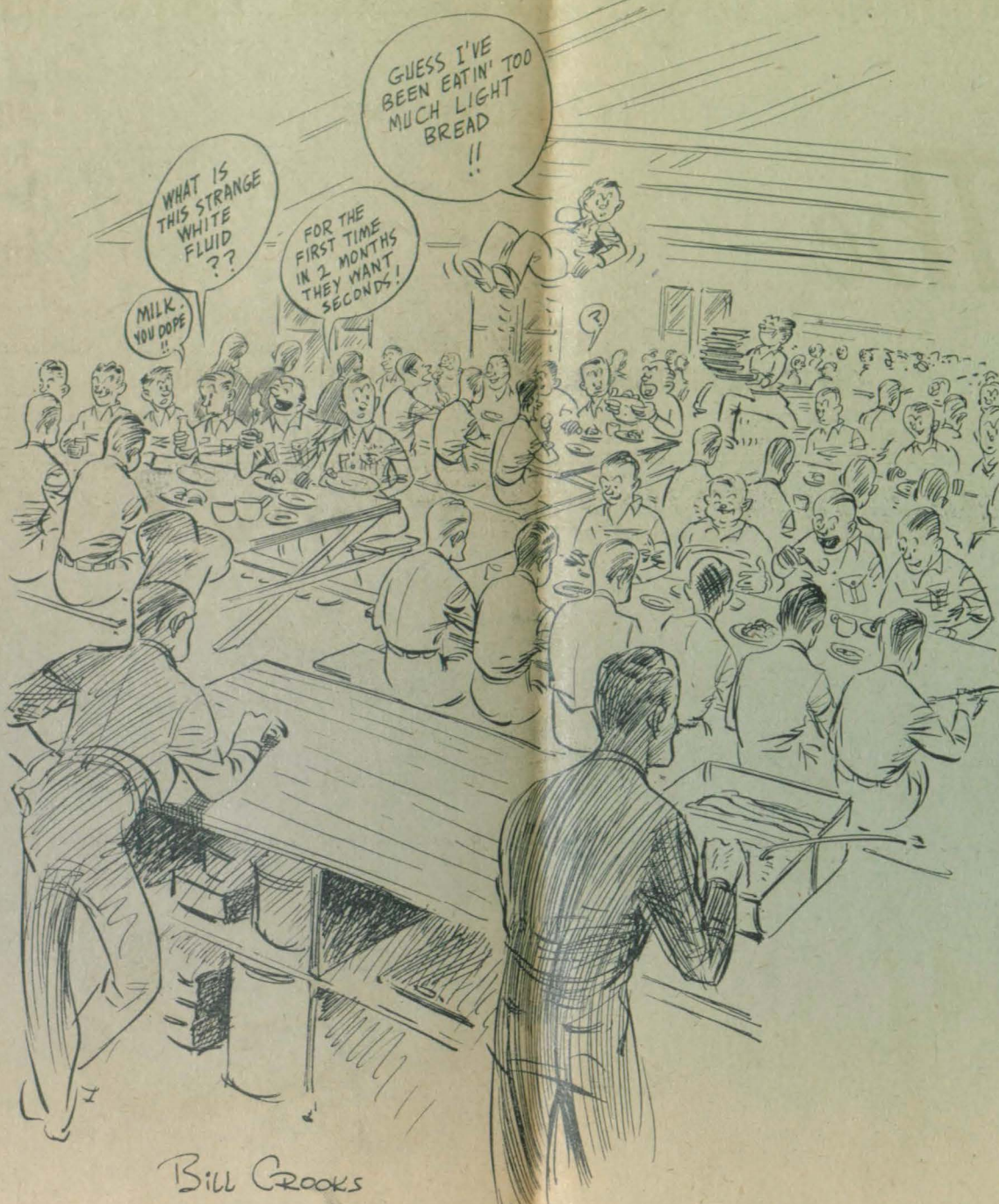
"I'm very proud of the 62nd Brigade," the General said. "It made a wonderful showing and did a fine job in Louisiana. I think it is the best Brigade in the Army today."

Speaking of the column's movement from Louisiana, the General concluded: "There were no accidents and no one was even hurt. This has been a fine movement and the conduct of the men is very good."

The conduct of the Dixie soldier has received praise all along the road. George Stewart, WPA Recreation Project supervisor in charge of the TAB Service Club, which is WPA sponsored, said after the dance last night: "The boys are conducting themselves as outstanding specimens of manhood. In my opinion, these men wipe out any doubt on the part of our citizens whether or not these soldiers are gentlemen as well."

Mrs. W. J. Cresap, president of Tallahassee's Chapter Club—another National Defense Council organization—stated: "Judging from what the soldiers tell us, our service clubs have already paid for themselves many times over."

CHANGE OF TASTE



Soldiers Find It Hard To Break Maneuver Habits

There was one thing that Sergeant Gettys Lee and Pvt. William McCallister and Woody Reed, all of Tupelo, Miss., had promised themselves down in the Louisiana swamps, as soon as they got back to Camp Blanding. They planned to go to Jacksonville, buy the town's biggest steak and sleep in the best hotel.

They did it. After the steaks the soldiers registered at Jacksonville's best hostelry. Then the trio separated for a few hours.

Sgt. Lee, returning at midnight, switched on the light to find a much-mussed but empty bed. He observed a faint trace of life between its outer side and the wall. Investigating, he found a blanket pup-tent stretched between one post and the window ledge. Beneath it the two privates, sleeping soundly on the hard floor.

Much to the amusement of his fellow soldiers in Co. D, 167th Inf., Corp. Richard Strickland received a "Peter Rabbit" paint book in the mail last week with a note from his girl friend, Miss Margaret Shirley of Tuscaloosa, explaining that she couldn't find a "Mickey Mouse" book and was sending the enclosed as a substitute.

Several sergeants in the company disclaimed any knowledge of the package with much too innocent expressions.

Plenty of Everything Except Cowboy Boots

Oakdale, La.—Merchants, looking back on the business they did with Dixie Division soldiers who were camped near the community, decided they were well stocked in all lines except one. They did not have enough cowboy boots to meet demands.

Shortly before soldiers left for Camp Blanding, several men started wearing the high heel, ornate boot with their blue denims. The style was popular and others purchased the "cowboy" brogan." Businessmen were unprepared for the large shoe business.

AERIAL OBSERVER

1st Lt. Gwaltney McCollum, acting commanding officer of Company B, 167th Infantry left here this week to report to Brooks Field, Texas where he will enter the aerial observers school.

The Leon High School Band presented a concert from 7:30 until 8:00 o'clock last night on the courthouse square.

At the TAB dance the "Jook organ" was silenced for an hour while Private Al Pugliese, a Hartford, Conn., musician now in Company D of the 124th Infantry, entertained the scores of dancers and others with accordion selections. Before induction into the Army Pugliese conducted an orchestra under the name of Al White.

Starke USO Plans Events For Soldiers

Miss Margaret Erskine, a director of Starke USO, formerly the Army Y. M. C. A., announced today that an extensive program has been completed for Camp Blanding soldiers. She adds that the arrangements for bigger and better times in the future is the USO way of saying "Welcome Back, Soldier."

The general theme to be followed by the USO in its activities is to make the soldier feel at home while at camp by taking him into homes of people in this area. Residents of Starke have been asked to invite a soldier to their home for Sunday dinner. Those so disposed leave their names at the USO Club. Men who want a good home-cooked meal, simply leave their name with Miss Erskine, who introduces them to their dinner hosts.

Sunday 30 Camp Blanding soldiers were dinner guests of Ralston Prison Farm employees. Next Sunday Lake Butler residents will entertain men at dinner.

Dixie Division soldiers will have an opportunity to meet RAF flying cadets who are stationed at the Jacksonville Air Base at a dance to be held at USO headquarters, Saturday evening, Oct. 18th. The Britons will be guests of honor.

Well Known Drummer Joins 124th Band

Among the recent replacements received by the 124th Infantry band is Pvt. Otto A. Petrosino, a drummer of nationwide repute. Before induction into the Army, Petrosino played the drums in Jack Teagarden's orchestra. He also has worked with Reggie Childs and Frank Dailey.

Clippings from a Baltimore paper compare the new infantryman with the great Gene Krupa. A union musician, holding membership in two unions, Pvt. Petrosino told the interviewing officer that "It makes no difference now."

116th With Party

The 116th F. A. holds pleasant memories of the little town of Pleasant Hill, La., where the Florida regiment was entertained by townsfolk at a community party.

The affair was arranged the night before the regiment left for Camp Blanding. School busses from nearby towns brought people to Pleasant Hill for the farewell gathering. Citizens provided sandwiches and drinks for the band and officers. The regimental swing band under the direction of Sgt. Walter Bean played for dancing.



Time slipped a wink at the 116th Field Artillery and gave the know-it-alls a chance to scream "I told you so. For 'Gatorbait' Lee has gone.

The little spot of ink on the Florida Regiment's sheet has been erased from their midst. Not by human hand, but by the good old 'long green.'

But we must give the boys a hand. They were long suffering and tried hard. When one outfit gave up, another took a tug at the belt and had a go at keeping the little darky in its collective midst. He became more bounced around than a blonde in a fraternity house.

Oh, there is no attempt to say that he was all at fault. A kid not knowing what it was all about, cannot be held accountable for mistakes made when given a lot of rope. So the passage of the old gentleman with the whiskers was the only real solution.

It was a cute idea. But "vurra vurra" impractical from the start. He came from the streets. He came from a town where the negro "knows his place." He was thrown into a strange situation—with no precedent to guide him. And it was too much for him or the men who meant so well when they adopted him.

In this decision, as in most others, things finally ended as they should. Gatorbait has returned to his mammy in Natchez, Miss. The 116th Field Artillery can heave a sigh of relief. It was again the story of the Old Man of the Sea. Just a good thing gone sour.

But before he left, he was presented new clothes. He was healthier than that day over two months ago when he joined a band of 'sojer boys' to go to war. He has seen sights he can recount to companions when the times are dull. He will be a big and experienced man in the little section below the bluffs along the big river.

With the passing of maneuvers, Gatorbait ends his run with the men of the 31st. He is again the little shine boy on the corner. He returned in style, riding a train on the return trip from the wars.

31st Provisional Guard Company Was Setting Records Of Its Own

While the rest of the division was in Louisiana making a name for itself the Provisional Guard Company, the boys we left behind, was setting no small record on its own.

The roster for the composite group reads: In August, 1,000 men; In September (the latter part of the month), 1,800 men. An almost doubling in strength in two months, and with hardly any recruiting.

Handling the administrative work for this organization which grew larger by the day and was absorbed by parent units when the division returned was a staff not as large as those which command battalions. At headquarters there were only two clerks. Its officers had multiple jobs.

Captain W. F. Whidden, Company F, 124th Infantry, was commanding officer. His staff included 1st Lt. W. T. Hemphill, adjutant; 1st Lt. Ralph Boles, assistant adjutant; 2nd Lt. Alvin Gersten, personnel adj.; 1st Lt. Arthur Friend, Medical Officer; Captain Ora Anderson, Supply and Subsistence, and 1st Lt. Charles Newman, Chaplain. These officers served the men at headquarters.

Down in the regimental detachments, the 1st Sergeants were in almost complete command. Few officers returned from maneuvers to bolster the guard strength. In many instances, line sergeants or even corporals, acting as 1st Sergeants, commanded as many as 150 men. Their duties ranged from holding morning regimental sick calls to posting the guards.

Guard duty, was the main detail and the company's reason for being. Every area in the division was under constant patrol. Guards served four hours, were relieved, and were granted an eight hours rest. At other times they assisted in the many beautification projects which have been underway while the division was in Louisiana.

Hospital trains returning from the war games brought many of the final number which lightened guard duty if administrative work was complicated. Each man returning had to be registered in the guard company after dismissal from the hospital. When announced fit he was assigned to duty with his regimental detachment and joined in the work details.

One group of 386 selectees arrived to be tended. Coming from Camp Wheeler, Ga., in middle September they were promptly absorbed and given the opportunity to put to practice their knowledge of the general orders, acquired through two months of basic training in the Georgia camp. The majority of the group was qualified for heavy weapons and will probably receive permanent assignments in infantry units.

While no regular chaplain was assigned to the guard company, through visiting and returning clergymen the unit was able to hold many services. 1st Lt. Newman, arriving in September, held

weekly services in scattered detachments. Lt. B. L. Rose, Special Troops, served his own unit and the 167th Infantry.

Passes for the enlisted men left to guard were in the main at the discretion of the 1st Sergeants. Off-duty and on week-ends as many men as possible were permitted to leave the camp. Several group convoys were made.

Serving as 1st Sergeants were the following: Sergeant Robert E. Clayatt, Company I, 124th Infantry; Sergeant Newton J. Strickland, Company A, 116th Field Artillery; Sergeant Jack A. Warren, Company L, 167th Infantry; Sergeant John A. Sorenson, Company D, 106th Quartermaster; Sergeant Joseph A. Tomberlin, 117th Field Artillery.

Corporal Paris E. Tilkhams, Sergeant Wayne Welch, Company I, 155th Infantry; Corporal Lewis C. Raines, Battery C, 114th Field Artillery; Sergeant Granville, I. Gore, Company C, 155th Infantry; Sergeant Rutherford W. Reese, Company D, 106th Medical Regiment.

At Starke USO

Monday—Letter writing night. Magazines will be given to all who want them.

Tuesday chorus singing. Men are invited to join this group. A concert will be presented at a date to be announced.

Wednesday—The Young Women's Club of Starke will present a special program each Wednesday at the USO.

Thursday—Informal dancing. Friday—Bridge Night, Partners and instructors will be furnished.

Saturday evening—Dance at USO headquarters with RAF Flying Cadets as Guests of honor. Dixie Division men are invited.

Sunday 5-6 p. m. song service.

6-6:30 Vesper Service 6:30-7:00 Refreshments served by USO.

TAKES ADVANCE COURSE

Sgt. Edward R. Long of Gadsden, Ala., Service Company 167th Infantry, left Saturday for Ft. Benning, Ga., where he will attend the advanced Infantry school for motor mechanics. He completed the basic course there last March.

THIRTY-FIRST DIVISION POST THEATRE

Monday—"Here Comes Mr. Jordan" with Robert Montgomery and Claude Rains.

Tuesday and Wednesday—"A Yank in the RAF" with Tyrone Power and Betty Grable.

Thursday—"Pittsburgh Kid" with Billy Conn and Jean Parker.

Friday—"Charlie Chan in Rio" Sydney Toller. Also "Scattergood Meets Broadway" with Guy Kibbee.

Saturday—"Parachute Battalions" with Robert Preston and Nancy Kelly.

State Capital Entertains Soldiers Despite Hurricane

Tasty Menus Are Scheduled For October

How's the grub these days, boys? The Camp Quartermaster feels that the menus are strictly the tops, and the Dixie has selected a few from the October schedule to indicate what's in store for the men in the all-important, stomach-filling department.

Whereas all units requisition identically the same provisions, the skill and ambition of the company cooks often determine the difference between a good meal and an ordinary one. The Army puts out the food and points to the condition and stamina of the men during the Louisiana maneuvers as proof of the fact that the edibles are above standard and the meals well balanced.

Given below are some menus picked at random:

For Tuesday, October 14, the bill of fare reads:

Breakfast
Fresh Pears
Rice Crispies
Fresh Milk
Fried Bacon and Eggs
Bread or Toast
Butter
Coffee

Dinner
Beef Loaf
Macaroni and Cheese
Fried Cabbage
Carrot & Raisin Salad
Bread
Butter
Fig Bars
Lemonade

Supper
Smothered Ham
Fried Sweet Potatoes
Fresh String Beans
Bread
Butter
Chocolate and Coconut Pudding
Iced Tea
For Thursday, October 16, the menu reads

Breakfast
Canned Grapefruit
Cream of Wheat
Fresh Milk
Bacon
French Toast
Syrup
Butter
Coffee

Dinner
Chop Suey with Rice
Fresh Squash
Cabbage and Pepper Salad
Bread
Butter
Jello with Sliced Bananas
Lemonade

Supper
Pot Roast Beef with Noodles
Browned Potatoes
Fresh Turnip Greens
Bread
Butter
Apple Butter
Coffee

No End To Circle Corporal Learns

Corporal Ernest Kinard, HQ Det. 3rd Bn., 167th Inf., was tired when he returned to the bivouac area in Mobile very late Saturday night. In the darkness he was unable to locate his outfit and asked a guard for directions.

"Follow that white fence and you'll come to the third battalion," the guard directed. Several minutes later the corporal came up to the same guard and asked again for the location of his detachment.

"I just told you a while ago to follow that fence and you would come to it," the guard replied. "Yeah, I did," Corp. Kinard said confusedly, "but I came right back here." He had been walking around the fair-grounds race track.

Colonel Unhappy About Missing Crack At Reds

Lt. Col. Harry E. Smith of Birmingham, commanding officer of the third battalion, 167th Infantry, expressed the sentiments of his men last week after the end of the last phase of the war in Louisiana when he said:

"We marched for five days to get a 'crack' at the fleeing Reds and when it looked like we had caught them—just when we were going into line for a coordinated attack with the other two battalions—what do you think they did? Why they called the war off."

By Pvt. A. W. Anderson
A blacked out Tallahassee greeted 3,834 Dixie Division soldiers Tuesday afternoon when troops pulled into the Florida State Capital for overnight encampment preparatory to leaving for Camp Blanding the following day.

The column of 583 trucks and cars reached the storm struck city late in the afternoon. The selected bivouac area east of town used by Sunday and Monday convoys was a bog after the heavy rain. Troops were bivouaced at the fair grounds, grade school, Leon High School, armory and at the American Legion Home.

The USO and Tallahassee Air Base Service Club entertained the visiting service men despite the inconvenience of no lights. Candles were provided and men were served doughnuts and coffee by the Catholic Woman's Club. Soldiers were permitted to send free radio-grams to friends any place in the United States. Many wrote letters, others played billiards and other games. The Victorettes, a local young women's club provided partners for the men. Two scheduled dances were not held because of interrupted electric service.

The fire department furnished the clubs with several fire extinguishers to guard against fires from the exposed candle flames.

Electric service was resumed in the business district and soldiers crowded into cafes, theatres and drug stores after supper.

Interrupted electric service prevented Leon High School band from presenting its scheduled concert on the courthouse square.

The "hurricane" column included the 114th (Mississippi) and 116th (Florida) F. A. Regiments, the 31st Anti-Tank Battalion and six IV Army Corps special units. The echelon was commanded by Brigadier General Sumter L. Lowry, commander of the 56th Field Artillery Brigade.

Governor Holland invited all four of the Dixie Division's generals to be his guest while in Tallahassee.

Commenting upon his convoy's trip, Gen. Lowry stated: "The movement home has demonstrated our fine training. The trip has been perfect and today there was no delay although we found trees down across the highway as a result of this morning's storm. We were able to remove these obstructions and proceed to Tallahassee without delay."

Kitchen Staff Appreciates Conveniences

Among those happy to be embraced within Blanding's protective fence again are mess sergeants, cooks and K. P.'s. At least that is the impression received after a few minute's chat with these three members of the kitchen staff.

Mess Sergeant Wayne Williams, of Tampa, in Battery C of the 116th Field Artillery had this to say: "It's wonderful here in our mess hall after the Louisiana adventure," he said. "We have all the clean hot and cold running water we want, and big roomy sinks. We got here Wednesday at 4:30 p. m., and were supposed to eat supper field style. But the boys of the battery insisted that we open up the mess hall at once; said they had enough of burned lips from drinking coffee from canteen cups."

Just as happy about the whole thing in the Battery C kitchen is cook Private Lucian King, also from Tampa. "No more garbage pits, no packing to leave just as a meal is ready, a dependable coal stove that won't go out when we need it most, no more sand in the sandwiches or rain in the supplies," he exclaimed.

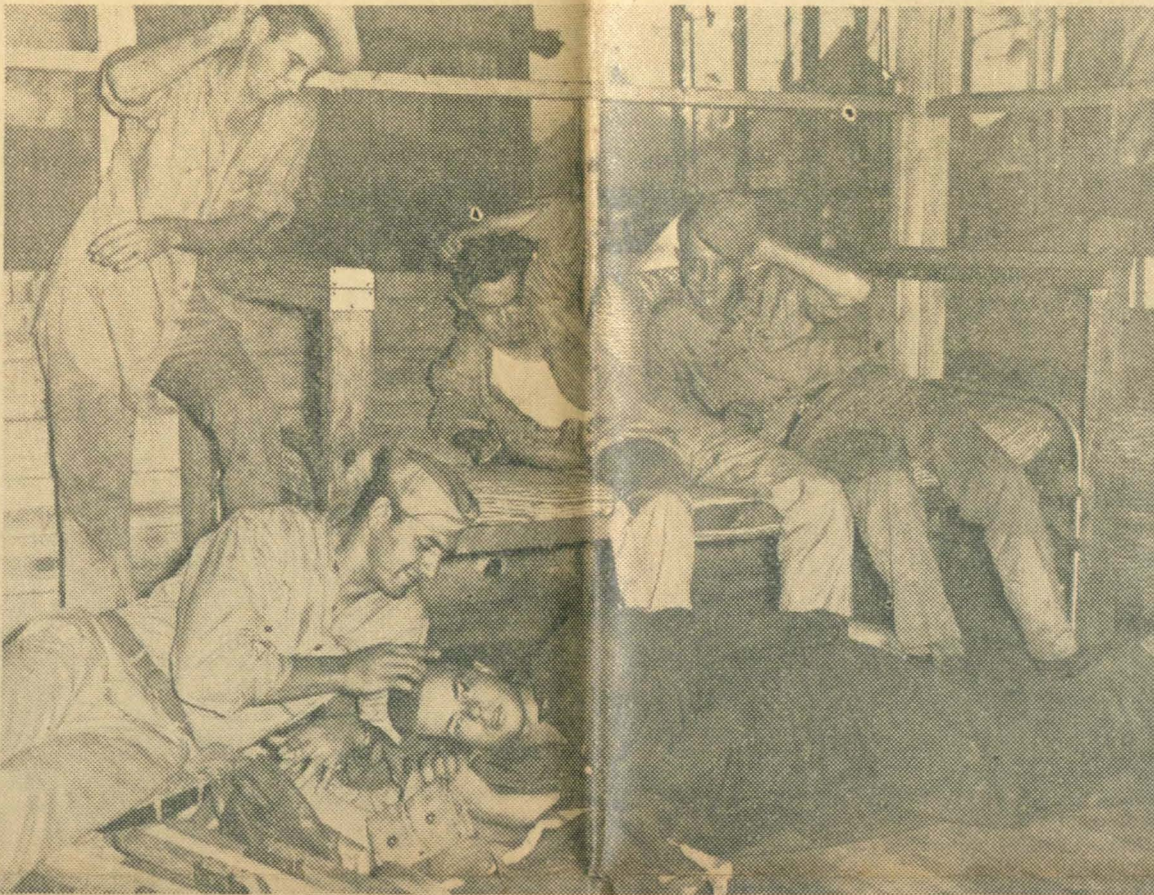
And one of the Battery C, K. P.'s, Pvt. Albert Hand, another Tampanian, was rejoicing, despite being on K. P. "Here we have no loading and unloading; we know we're going to eat our meals where we cook them. We can feed all the men at once and then they don't gripe—this makes the cooks happier and then we K. P.'s, don't catch so much heck, so we're happier. And here we don't get wet when it rains."

Never has your reporter seen Army kitchen workers so contented, happy, and satisfied.

Selectee Haunted By Number 13

Everything that happens to a certain selectee who has just arrived in the 156th Infantry seems to revolve around No. 13. This private, who hails from Pittsburg, Pa., was inducted on Friday the 13th, rode to camp on a 13-car train, was in a squad of 13 soldiers, and his tent number at Camp Wheeler, Ga., was No. 13.

Back Home Again And Relaxed



In the top photo, a group makes a raid on the milk supply, giving toothy proof of their joy at being once more in a land where exchanges are open at certain hours and are sure to be where expected. The bottom shot gives a slight sample of the joy the boys had when trying to learn to live among beds. While his buddies try to figure out just what to do, a private decides to sleep on the floor until he learns to relax on something soft.

Dixie Men Complimented On Behavior During Trip

Mrs. R. E. Hammond, a member of the Women's Entertainment Committee of Hammond, La., sent the following letter to Maj. Gen. John C. Persons, commanding Dixie Division men on the way they conducted themselves in the city which served as the bivouac place for the Blanding bound echelons:

Hammond, La.
October 6, 1941.
Major General John C. Persons,
31st. Division Commander,
Camp Blanding, Fla.

Dear Sir:
In the Times-Picayune this morning, I note that you had a letter from Major General J. L. Benedict, commending the officers and men of the 31st Division "For excellent performance of duty" during the maneuvers in Louisiana.

It seems to me that your Division deserves an added "pat on the back" for their behavior when off duty, and if possible it should be brought to the attention of all the men who were encamped in Hammond on the trek back to Blanding.

As a member of the Woman's Entertainment committee, it has been my pleasure to have heard fine things said about courtesy and enthusiasm of your men for what little entertainment we were able to supply for them. We were sorry to have been disappointed in some of the planned entertainment but football teams were not available for the nights that your men were here. However, sponsors at the Recreation centers, chaperones at the dances, housewives who took groups of the boys to their homes for dinners, as well as merchants and all towns people who had a part in entertaining have reported favorably in regards to the conduct and the great appreciation shown by the men.

The consensus of opinion is that the officers and men of the 31st Division were most appreciative and exceptionally well behaved and that Hammond was pleased

to have had them with us and will be glad if we are asked in the future to entertain again.
Please convey this message to your officers and men. We hoped they all had a good time while here and that they will stop here again.

Very respectfully,
Mrs. R. E. Warren.
Gen. Persons acknowledged the commendation in the following letter:

Camp Blanding, Florida
October 8, 1941

Mrs. R. E. Warren
Hammond, La.
Dear Mrs. Warren:

I greatly appreciate your kind letter of the 6th with reference to the conduct of our men while they were in Hammond. The 31st Division is very jealous of its reputation and we are particularly pleased that the men conducted themselves properly while off duty. It was nice and thoughtful of you to write me.

Cordially yours,
John C. Persons
Major General
31st Division.

Three Promotions In Co. H, 167th Reg.

Three soldiers of Company H, 167th Inf., received promotions this week according to Lt. Sam Williams, company commander.

Corp. James Adamson of Goodwater, Ala., was promoted to Sergeant. Pvt. Sam O. Casey of Jacksonville, Ala., was named supply Sergeant and Pvt. Ralph Childers of Jacksonville, Ala., was made corporal. Pvt. Childers is at present on detached service with the 94th Anti-Tank Battalion in Louisiana.

YOU CAN HELP

Division headquarters has requested all personnel to keep off the divisional parade grounds so that muck and clay surface may harden and the recently sown grass may get a start.

Col. Hesterly Commends His Regiment

Colonel Homer W. Hesterly, commander of the 116th Field Artillery, praised the performance of the regiment in the Louisiana Maneuvers in a speech to his staff Thursday before he began a seven-day leave to his home in Tampa.

"You fulfilled the entire expectations and performed them in the highest terms," he said. "You performed in a manner that was highly commendable. I want to extend credit where credit is due and I will say you did better than I expected."

"It is a source of pride to me to know that our regiment contributed the highest portion of the phenomenal success attending four of the five spectacular events in the battle of Louisiana, which were Atlanta, Calvin Rapides Bayou east of McNutt, and the battle of Good Hope Church, Colfax, where the Second Battalion played an important part in the Corps Anti-Tank group. We could hardly be greedy enough to have monopolized the tank attack near Montrose."

Lost Unit Takes Long Way Home

Challenging the claim of the 167 Infantry to the title of "walking outfit" of the Division is Louisiana's 156th Infantry. The Louisianians' bid is based on one of its recent "strolls" made on the last problem.

The organization had started off on foot for Vowell's Mill, La., only a short distance away, on the drive on Shreveport. Suddenly regimental officers leading the march awoke to the fact that the unit was lost. Maps were consulted and strides lengthened. Several hours and thirty-one miles later, the regiment arrived at its destination.

Corps Ordnance Co. Made Up of Well Trained Soldiers

Four Soldiers Captured 26 Reds In Gorum Battle

If medals were awarded for capturing prisoners, four 115th Field Artillery privates would certainly receive them.

During the Third-Second Army war in Louisiana, the First Battalion of the 116th was attacked by Reds of the First Armored Division near Gorum, La. The battalion's automatic riflemen, with the aid of three 31st Reconnaissance Unit machine guns, thwarted the attack and saved the 156th Infantry's Third Battalion from encirclement.

In the two hours of battle Privates "Bear Cat" Phillips of Bristol and L. C. Lee of Marianna, both of Battery B, and Privates Lucien King and Albert Hand, both of Tampa and in Battery C, working together captured 26 Reds, including a First Lieutenant, and destroyed a machine gun nest, all within two hours.

Service Library Makes Improvements; Receives New Books

Among the many improvements made at the Service Club Library while the soldiers were on maneuvers were the painting of all the walls and ceiling, the installation of a new floor of chrome tile, mahogany shade, and new wall display brackets. More than 2,500 new books have been added, bringing the number of volumes on the shelves to 4,2095.

Mrs. Ellnor K. Evans, librarian, has announced that the circulation has increased tremendously and that 1,550 membership cards have been issued to date.

Among the new volumes received are "George Gershwin's Song Book;" "Stalin," by Eugene Lyons; "The Enemy Within," by Captain Henry Landau; "Franklin Delano Roosevelt," by Emil Ludwig; "Chiang Kai-Shek," by Sven Hedin; "Gossip—The Life and Times of Walter Winchell," by St. Clair McKelway; "Fantasia," by Walt Disney; "Winston Churchill," by Rene Kraus.

Also "A History of the United States Navy," by Dudley W. Knox; "Canada—America's Problem," by John MacCormac; "Out of the Night," by Jan Valtin; "The Pan-American Highway," by Harry A. Franck and Herbert C. Lanks; "Etching—Principles and Methods," by Clifford Pyle; "Now I'll Tell One—Harry Hershfield's Book of Laughs," and "The Keys of the Kingdom," by A. J. Cronin.

Why Disillusion Them, Say Soldiers

Returning from furlough last week, Privates Noble M. McCuan, Cecil White and Jack White, members of the 114th Field Artillery (all of Greenwood, Miss.) stopped at State College for a short visit with Pvt. McCuan's brother.

While waiting for the arrival of their host who was attending classes they sat on the steps at the entrance to Hull Hall and reflected on the idyllic existence one leads on a college campus, comparing and contrasting it with life in the lowlands of Louisiana.

They were startled by the approach of five gracious matrons who stopped in front of them.

"You look so nice in your uniforms," one said smiling benignly.

"Yes," added another, "I think its so nice that you can get your military training here at the college and not have to go away to some training camp."

Trying to collect their scattered wits the three soldiers said almost as one: "Yes, it's nice—very nice!"

Goat Eats Way Into The Army

Many soldiers are going to try to forget the Louisiana maneuvers but it won't be so easy for men of New Orleans' Co. D, 156th Inf. They'll have a permanent reminder in their mascot "Oberlin."

"Oberlin" is a young male goat that "adopted" the company in or near the town of that name in Louisiana. He wandered in one night while the company was eating, was a guest at supper, and, liking the fare the outfit dished out, stayed with the New Orleans boys when they moved farther north.

TO WED SOON

Miss Betty Louise Trescott of Jacksonville, Fla., and Lt. Lee Hilliard, Co. K, 167th Inf., of Birmingham, Ala., will be married at 7 p. m. Oct. 15.

By Corp. C. D. Pou
"Status unknown" is the general conception of most soldiers in the 106th Ordnance Company as to who their higher commanders are. You see, for the past three months they have been attached to IV Army Corps. When they came to Blanding they were a part of Special Troops, 31st Division. Now they only receive their mail through the southern division, the rest of their dealings being with Corps units.

But to whom they belong is a question of minor importance. Their primary task in their relation to our life in the army is to repair equipment. They know their job. They have to! Ever seen a Battery Commander's scope? It's called the B-C scope. Well, including screws it has over one thousand essential parts. Let just one of its 13 pieces of glass slide out of line and you have a complaining battery commander. And that's where the instrument section comes in.

Precision Workers
Five men perform the precision work with the instrument section. Chief of Section is Technical Sergeant John H. Byrd, recently returned from Ordnance School in Fort Benning. He and his aides work on pieces whose parts are as minute as the innards of a 21-jewel watch. In fact, Pvt. Theodore Roby, a watch maker in civilian life, finds his present job much different from his occupation before induction. If anything, it calls for more precision, he says.

Sergeant Byrd and his men are concerned in the main with the aforementioned B-C Scope, the Range Finder, the Aiming Circle, and the Panoramic Sight. All are instruments used in artillery fire and all, incidentally, expensive. The Range Finder costs approximately \$600.

Sgt. Supervises Two Sections
Technical Sergeant Merrit F. Adair is in charge of two sections. Interrelated, both have to do with the heavier mechanisms, parts of the ponderous 155 m.m. gun and howitzer, the 75 m.m., and other field pieces. The Automotive Section ordinarily works on the gun's carriage, and the Artillery Section, the breech-block, recoil mechanism, and bore.

Right now both are faced with a job that will take at least seven weeks if they do nothing else. Every 155 m.m. howitzer in the camp must have its traversing gear modified. The traversing gear is the mechanism that controls the gun's horizontal motion. On maneuvers and over rough roads the lock that holds the carriage rigid on the axle is oftentimes jarred or broken and it is to remedy this situation that the men are detailed. Forty-four howitzers await treatment.

The Automotive Section is capable of doing 4th Echelon work in the field if called upon. That is, with equipment they have in their two mobile shops they can completely rebuild a motor. But this type of work is seldom in their line of duty. With their co-workers in the artillery unit their job is mostly to service the 75's, 37's, and 155's. Following the Pollock maneuver the pair overhauled every gun in the 31st and 43rd Divisions.

Bent shields and recoil mechanism inadequacies are the biggest disorders with the artillery pieces. Both repairs are fairly simple, the shields requiring brawn and adjusting the recoil mechanism only that the man know his job. The thing to watch on the recoil mechanism, the men point out, is the oil gauge. The rebound principle here is governed by pressure and if the oil supply is kept normal the action takes place without a hitch.

Small Arms Section
The department best known to most soldiers, the Small Arms Section, has one of the biggest jobs. In to their care come all the ailing guns, ranging from the .30 calibre rifle to the 37 m. m. guns. Chief disorders are broken springs, stocks which have to be replaced, and tripods for machine guns. Sgt. Bernard I. Crabtree is in charge of this section.

As a company, the boys in the 106th Ordnance, commanded by First Lt. Thomas V. Burgette, perform an excellent job. In civilian life they were excellent mechanics. That is why they are in the company now.

\$5,000 Received For Recreation

The Dixie Division has been allotted \$5,000 for athletic equipment. Capt. Ben Hudson, 31st Recreation officer announced today. The money is to be obligated for sports goods, writing paper, magazines, public address systems. Most of the items will be ready for use after North Carolina maneuvers.

Gomez To Carry Division Colors In Nat'l Bouts

Pvt. Tommy Gomez, of 116th Medical Detachment, fistic star has been given permission to enter Frank Barbo's White Hope Heavyweight tournament to be staged in Detroit, Mich. in the near future.

The well known boxer will have an opportunity to win a \$15,000 cash prize and a shot at champion Joe Louis.

Before embarking on the bouts in Detroit, Gomez will meet several of the best heavies in the south.

First fight will be today at Tampa, with Jimmie DeSola. Tommy has been doing a rigid schedule of training since leaving Louisiana. He started in Hammond, working out with his sparring partner, Ike Trainer of Hq. 1st Battalion, 116th Field Artillery. At each stop on the trip back he worked out thoroughly, using local gymnasiums to whip himself into fighting condition.

On October 20th Gomez is scheduled to fight the Navy's Frank Poreda, whom he was to fight some time ago but was interrupted. Lito states that the fight with DeSola is merely a warmer-upper for this event, expected to draw huge crowds of fans of Tampa's native son.

The Poreda bout will lead up to a match with Bradley Scott, date unannounced as yet. Gomez looks very good and Louisiana maneuvers have probably been an asset to him.

Old Spanish Trail

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drew Jackson camped with his troops near where the Dixie soldiers slept while he prepared to take Pensacola from the Spanish. Milton was incorporated while Florida was still a territory.

As the troop convoys passed passed through the little city Bagdad, near Milton, the soldiers saw a sawmill which closed two years ago after operating continuously for 112 years with only one interruption when it was owned to keep it from falling into the hands of the Union soldiers.

While in the office of the Milton Gazette I happened to meet Miss Alice Shear, a former resident, who recalled the Union occupation of the city. She related fascinating stories of how the Northern officers gave a dance which not a single southern girl attended—how a young lady was ostracized for going horseback riding with a Yankee officer.—She recalled her mother's description of slavery days and gruesome times of that era. She pointed out the building in which the Yankee officers gave the dance. Miss Shear added that some of them tied handkerchiefs to their arms and danced with each other.

A city in Santa Rosa county would have been known now as the oldest city in the United States instead of St. Augustine except for the fact that there were no permanent settlements there as old as that city. Spanish settlements in the county ante dated St. Augustine but were not permanent.

It was through the land of the Choctaw, Cherokee, Creek, Seminole, the Spaniard, the French, the British; all proud fighting men in their time, that the pride of the 1941 conquistadores travelled returning from battlefields whereon they won glory for themselves and the Dixie Division.

Their Names Sound Like League of Nations

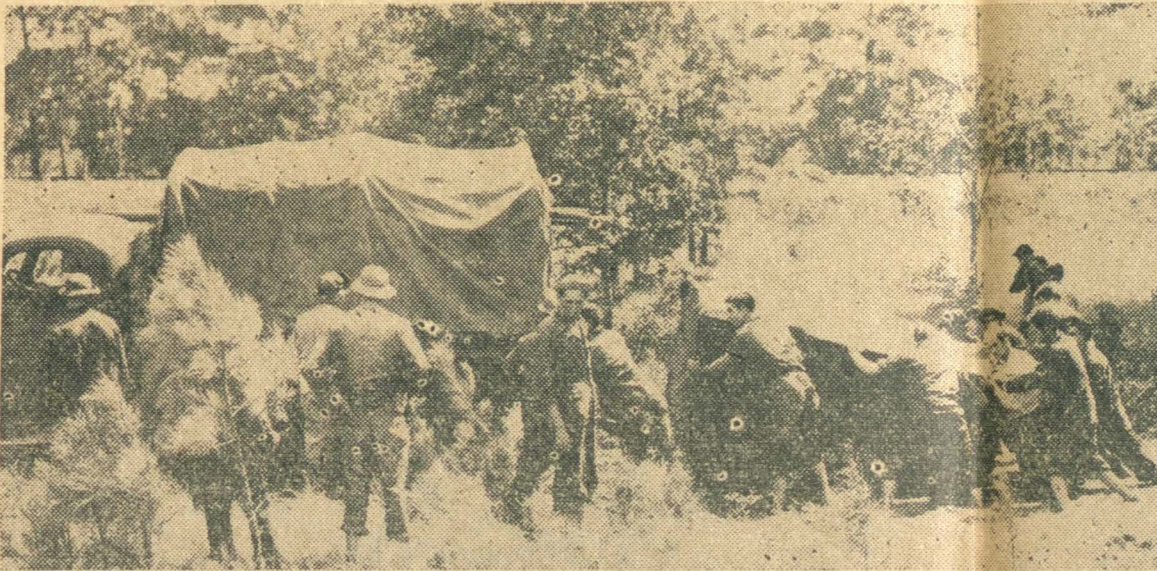
Merriest mixup in the receipt of the new selectees came in New Orleans' Co. D, 156th Inf. Non-coms of the heavy-weapon outfit, which comes from the heart of the Louisiana Cajun country, can easily pronounce such names as Hebert, Robichaux, Dupuy, Plaisant, LaRoux, and Thibodeaux.

The names of some of the new men from Pennsylvania, however, stumped them. On the company roster are the last names Celinski, Karsensnick, Kotsko, Krupski, Penkala, Prinzinger, Tavia and Zabritski.

Heavy Rain Launched Bed

Sergeant Thomas D. Hammett of Company F, says he isn't kidding about "floating" one morning while encamped in Oberlin, La. Sergeant Hammett and his buddy were sleeping on a folded pyramidal tent during a heavy rain. When the time to get up came, the tent and the boys were floating slowly a good distance from the place where they had bunked down the night before.

The Things We Left Behind



Although the scene of these pictures is far behind, many Dixie Soldiers remember them well. The boys in the first shot are finding slippery going, while the bottom group isn't going at all. And where were the photos taken? If you don't know, one of your tent-mates will be able to tell you.

Livingston Men Like Blanding

The Dixie Division had the honor, last week, of being the first troops to be transported by the army's first provisional truck companies.

These truck companies were formed from various organizations at camp Livingston for the express purpose of conveying the 31st Division home from maneuvers.

Upon their return to camp Livingston they will disband as truck companies and rejoin their respective units.

During the few days spent at Blanding the officers and men who were responsible for the safe journey here, enjoyed sightseeing trips to Jacksonville, Marineland Studios, St. Augustine and other nearby points of interest.

They like Camp Blanding. Some say they prefer it to Livingston. They were much impressed with bathing facilities at Kingsley Lake and the nearness of ocean resorts. Most of these men, who are from inland northern states, had their first swim in salt water last Thursday at Jacksonville Beach. They were disappointed, however, at not finding oranges and coconuts growing everywhere.

Editor Commends Capt. Hudson For Work On Maneuvers

Captain Ben Hudson, 31st Division Recreation Officer, recently received a letter of commendation from Carl Gardner, editor of "Our Army Magazine" for the work he did in the Third Army Public Relations Department during Louisiana maneuvers.

Mr. Gardner's letter follows: "Specially to be commended is the photography section of the Press Relation Bureau. Captain Ben A. Hudson of that section was most cooperative in helping M. Weiss select photographs of outstanding value to our readers." The letter was endorsed by Lt. Gen. Walter A. Krueger, commanding general of the Third Army.

Cooks Roughed It In Camp

When the 156th Infantry regiment arrived in Camp Blanding after two months' maneuvers, the cooks were forced to cook their first meal, not in the spacious and convenient kitchens of the mess halls, but in field tents and on field ranges. The messhalls were loaded with equipment and were not yet cleared.

General Persons Not Too Busy To Help

(Continued from page 1) how much she cared for her pet. Between the first and second letter, the whole division staff section with the aid of the M. P.'s, started an intensive search for the dog. Finally the little fellow was found, safe and sound, apparently better for his brief "enlistment" in the Army.

The dog was taken to his home by an officer who was detailed to see that Patricia and her "pal" were united again. The third letter thanked General Persons: It follows:

Boyce, Louisiana
September 29, 1941
Major General Persons
Camp Blanding, Florida.
Dear Major Persons:
I wish to thank you, and Captain Clarence W. Springer from the bottom of my heart for the return of our dog. He was in good condition, and I can assure you we were more than glad to get him back, and he was glad to get back. Again, thanks a million, and
I shall never forget your kind.
Sincerely yours,
Miss Patricia De Keyser,
Boyce, La.

Took Two Washings To Cut Louisiana Mud From Trucks

The hardest laboring crews in the 116th Field Artillery last week were those engaged in cleaning Louisiana dust from vehicle tops and tarpaulins and Louisiana mud from vehicle bodies.

Sergeants David Ballard and Oliver Adams, both from Ulant City and both in Battery E of the 116th in charge of the detail from Battery E, complained "that two washings doesn't remove all the dust that has infiltrated the canvas tops and tarps." The mud is caked on the trucks harder than brick, they added.

The washing crews from the regiment's Second Battalion, which includes E Battery has an easier time than other batteries. Workmen from this battalion constructed truck racks and installed a water faucet near the motor pool.

A-Flat Unscathed By Maneuvers

Sgt. A-Flat, most famous mascot in the 31st Division came through Louisiana maneuvers, unscathed, according to members of 116th Regimental Band.

The small fox terrier gained national publicity when he appeared in a widely distributed picture in the nation's papers last spring. The dog marches at the head of the band whenever it plays.

John Alden Was Faced With the Same Problem Special Prices For Gator Games

The University of Florida, Gainesville, has announced that special low price football tickets will be placed on sale for home games.

Only requirement is that soldiers wear uniforms. Tickets were placed on sale last week at the 31st Division Service Club and in battery and company streets. In order to facilitate transportation, men will be conveyed to the games.

Chief Of Staff Says

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desirability that all men due for release in 1941 be released prior to December 10, in order that the men may reach their homes prior to the Christmas holidays.

RELEASE OF OFFICERS

All applications for release of officers of the reserve components must show positively, by suitable sworn evidence, that the retention of the officer will result in undue hardship to himself, his wife, or other dependents because of financial loss, sickness or similar causes.

Financial loss to the officer concerned is not, in itself, a valid reason for release from active service. In each such case there must be additional circumstances which indicate undue hardship as indicated above.

CANCELLATION OF LEAVES AND FURLOUNDS

A directive from Headquarters IV Army Corps last week resulted in the cancellation of all leaves and furloughs. The cancellation did not effect those men and officers who were already on leave prior to noon Saturday, October 11.

Those men and officers whose leaves and furloughs were cancelled will be given the opportunity to take advantage of their leaves following the Carolina maneuvers.

Gives Girl's Name, Address When He Talked In Sleep

If Louisiana's 156th Infantry regiment ever picks a regimental sweetheart, say men of Service company, the proper man to do the picking will be Sgt. A. W. Bell, Jr., regimental clerk of the organization, from Alexandria. The reason is, they claim, that he has made such a good start already.

Sgt. Bell was five minutes late on a date with a certain young lady recently. As he strode up the walk to her house, he heard a murmur of voices on the front porch. Sgt. Bell was astounded. He thought she had brought out the whole family to meet him. Instead he was greeted by his buddies who were entertaining his date.

Bell got an explanation from other members of the company sitting on the porch with "his" girl. He had inadvertently given out in his sleep not only the girl's name but her address and phone number as well.

Name In Crate Egged Him On

"Sermons in Books" is an old story, but names in eggs—or rather on eggs is something new.

When the subsistence crews of Service Btry 1st Bn 114th Field Artillery opened a crate of eggs, lo! There among the lot of ordinary ones was a beautiful white one with "Miss Wayne Ambler, Falls River, Kansas" neatly penned on its surface.

The romantic lure of such a token was too much for Pvt. Leon (Convoy Romance) Williams, and he took pen in hand and wrote Miss Ambler a burning letter—which had nothing to do with the price of eggs in Kansas.

Romantic Leon is now waiting for a reply.

Comouflaged Area To Keep Cool

When Company E, 124th Inf., was not given a bivouac area in Louisiana with shade trees soldiers did the next best thing, and brought the shade trees to their area.

Unable to find comfort under the broiling sun, two men transplanted a tree near their pup tent. It was not long before the idea had spread and in a short space of time the company street was lined with shade trees of all shapes and sizes.

If you should happen to see Corp. Elmore L. Henry, of New Orleans, a member of Headquarters Detachment, 1st Battalion, 156th Inf., turning the pages of Longfellow's "The Courtship of Miles Standish" these days, don't be surprised. He's learning a valuable lesson.

A few days ago he bought an engagement ring, but lacked the courage to present it to his chosen one. Due back in the maneuver area shortly, he had an inspiration and gave the ring to his father. "You give it to her, Dad. Just tell her I didn't have time to do it myself." His father agreed to do the job.

A few days later while on the field, the non-com received a letter from his parent. With joy filling his heart, he read it. The girl had accepted.

After a short while, Henry got a furlough to return to New Orleans. As fast as he could, he made for his girl's home.

A few minutes after arriving, Corp. Henry emerged from the house, his joyful face sad and a ring in his hand. "She told me," he explained to his father, "that I could get a tip from John Alden."

Their Gallantry Paid For Dinner

Returning to base camp in Louisiana, Corporal George Starling and Aubrey Harrell, 167th Infantry mail orderlies, were broke and hadn't eaten in several days. Passing a woman motorist on the side of the road with a flat tire the two corporals stopped and changed the tire. The grateful lady gave them fifty-cents which was speedily invested in groceries.

"That's one time gallantry kept us from starving," said Corp. Starling.

Nine Injured In Crackup

Nine Alabama soldiers of Company H, 167th Infantry were injured last week when the truck in which they were riding overturned, in the Louisiana Maneuver Area. The men were: Sgt. James Farrell, Corp. Charles W. Miller, Privates Andrew Erwin of Jacksonville, Ala.; Pvt. Henry Folsom of Laurel Hill, Ala.; Pvt. Wm. Bryant of Horton, Ala.; Pvt. Clarence McDowell and Floyd Hane of Anniston, Ala.; Pvt. Tommy Drinkard of Cullman, Ala. and Pvt. Howard Goodwin of Hillsboro, Ala.

Sgt. Guttery Weds Daytona Girl

Miss Sara Louise Paynter, Daytona Beach, and Sergeant Bert Guttery, Hq. Co., 167th Inf., of Montgomery, Ala., were married Thursday evening in Daytona Beach. Chaplain Richard D. Wolcott, senior regimental chaplain performed the ceremony. Among the several members of Sgt. Guttery's regiment present were Col. Walter M. Thompson, commanding officer and Master Sgt. Edwin Franklin. The latter served as best man.

Nothing Stops Blanding Progress

Lt. Thomas Epting of Company C, 155th Inf., returned to Camp Blanding to find a road built around his car. The Lieutenant had left his car in an area near the lake shore. He had trouble locating his car as dirt was piled around it higher than the car itself. A road had been built and upon reaching Lt. Epting's car had split and gone on each side of it as the workmen were unable to move the car. A wrecker retrieved his buried car. "I always had trouble keeping it on the road anyway," Epting laughed.

This Hog Was Too Fussy

Privates Bud Stags and Lockhard Morgan, Company L, 167th, told a tale about GI bread to several fair listeners at the dance held in the Mobile armory Saturday night. The young ladies didn't know whether to believe or not.

"I woke up the other night," recounted Pvt. Stags, "when I heard a hog grunting." He ran off with a loaf of bread before I could shoot him away. When I got up just before daylight the next morning that same pig was just coming toward the kitchen with the loaf of bread still in his mouth. He put it down where he had found it and ran off."

The young ladies exchanged polite glances.

Fall War Games Will Test Dixie Men Next Month

The Dixie Division will receive its greatest test since it was inducted into service eleven months ago when it functions with the IV Army Corps against the First Army in North and South Carolina next month.

The IV Corps made up of the 31st and 43rd Divisions from Camp Blanding and the Fourth Motorized Division from Ft. Benning will number approximately 70,000 and will be pitted against 360,000 soldiers of the First Army in the fall maneuver.

According to the Florida Times-Union the three well trained divisions, seasoned by two months intensive war games in Louisiana will be a formidable opponent for the larger force.

Lieutenant Hugh Drum is commanding general of the First Army. Maj. Gen. Hugh Griswold, who recently succeeded Maj. Gen. Jay L. Benedict, will direct Corps troops.

The IV Corps will include in addition to two infantry units, an armored unit from Fort Benning.

Raccoon Makes Trip To Louisiana Games

Battery D of the 117th (Alabama) Field Artillery regiment, like many other outfits, carried its pet, a raccoon mascot to "war" in Louisiana. The coon traveled with the Artillery from Blanding in July and weathered the storm of mock warfare. Feeding the raccoon was a simple task. Louisiana bugs provided a large portion of his food.

New Chaplain In 167th Regiment

1st Lieutenant, Chaplain Christian Newman of Annapolis, Maryland, reported for duty with the 167th Infantry this week upon the return of Col. Walter M. Thompson, regimental commander, from Louisiana maneuvers.

Chaplain Newman, who was assigned to the first battalion, came here from the Messiah Evangelical and Reformed Church in Baltimore, Md.

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LOST—Hamilton wrist watch, on railroad east of Montrose, La. Sept. 17, Reward. Pvt. Norval M. Graham, Co. E, 124th Inf.

LOST—Brown billfold in Q. M. truck on road near Montrose, La., finder keep money and return billfold to Sgt. Wesley Rogers, Co. G, 124th Inf.

FOUND—Ronson cigarette lighter. Found on 31st Div. parking lot. Has name "Trice" inscribed. Owner communicate with Press Section, Phone 240.

FOUND—Near Cypress, La., on lost problem, 1930 model Springfield rifle. Owner can claim by giving rifle number at supply tent of Co. I, 124th Inf.

LOST—I Univex Camera, with inscription "Made in England" on it, somewhere enroute from maneuvers, probably at the Gulfport, Miss., Yacht Club. Return to Private First Class R. H. "Major" McCrocklin, Company A, 106th Medical Regiment.

FOUND—One complete outfit of Field Equipment including Army Colts .45, found on Louisiana maneuvers. Proper identification and claims may be directed to Headquarters 62nd Infantry Brigade.

LOST—Silver appearing wrist-watch with initials "F.J.M.'38" on the back; second hand lost; faulty winding stem; when lost, it had a silver appearing square link band. Sgt. Manuel, "K," 124th Infantry.

LOST—Sixty-seven dollars in Gulfport, Miss., between bivouac area and town. Was in five tens, three fives and two ones. Reward if finder will return to Corp. Lawrence Scott, Headquarters Detachment 1st Battalion, 156th Inf.

LOST—One Feld (Musette) Bag containing an officer's summer uniform, an officer's raincoat and other personal articles. If the finder will return same to First Lieutenant William L. Maige, 117th Field Artillery, a reward will be given.

LOST—1 brown-leather billfold containing driver's license, valuable papers and \$7.00 in currency in vicinity 167th Inf. CP in race-track oval at Mobile bivouac area early Sunday a.m. Finder please return to Pvt. Marian Pittman, Headquarters, 167th Infantry.